

6504. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. George H. Stanford. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 8788. I. S. No. 3269-p.)

On April 15, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of the District aforesaid an information against George H. Stanford, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant, on November 27, 1917, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department, showed the following results:

Loss on boiling on drained oysters (per cent)_____	66
Oyster meat:	
Solids (per cent)_____	12.9
Ash (per cent)_____	1.05
Sodium chlorid (per cent)_____	.20

Analysis indicates addition of water to the oysters.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith, so as to lower or reduce and injuriously affect its quality, and had been substituted in part for shucked oysters, which the article purported to be.

On April 15, 1918, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*